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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

NINE TRIBALLY CONTROLLED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AWARDED NEARLY \$12 MILLION

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Tribally controlled colleges and universities in Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin have been selected to receive grants totaling \$11,982,128 to assist their efforts to improve and expand their capacity to serve American Indian students, U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings announced today.

"Tribal colleges and universities provide thousands of students the education foundation they need to be successful in the workforce and in life," said U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings, "They also perform a valuable service by helping to preserve the languages and rich cultural traditions of American Indians."

The grant awards, provided for under Title III of the Higher Education Act, are intended to help tribal colleges and universities plan activities and develop new capabilities to improve and expand their capacity to serve American Indian students.

More information about U.S. Department of Education support for tribally controlled colleges and universities is

available at <http://www.ed.gov/about/inits/list/whtc/edlite-links.html>.

BUFFALO JUMP GETS NEW NAME

By Gazette News Services (08/29/07)

GREAT FALLS - Ulm Pishkun State Park southwest of Great Falls has a new name: First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park.

"The name of the park should evoke a sense of unity, peace and cultural sensitivity," said Richard Hopkins, state park manager for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Part of the need for a change, Hopkins said, is to avoid confusion with the public. Pishkun is a Blackfeet word that means corral, but Ulm comes from a German homesteader in the area. And 14 tribes used the jump.

MSU COLLEGE OF BUSINESS HOSTS ANNUAL FAMILY BUSINESS DAY SEPT. 21

August 28, 2007 -- MSU News Service

Delivering outstanding customer service will be the focus of the Montana State University College of Business's 14th annual Family Business Day on Friday, Sept. 21, at the Holiday Inn in Bozeman.

Gary Bishop, an adjunct instructor of management in the

College of Business, will be the featured speaker during the event.

Bishop will discuss why he thinks customer service has become a lost art in American society. Part of the seminar will focus on delivering outstanding customer service and effectively responding to customer demands.

TESTING LOCAL EMPLOYMENT POOL'S WATER MAKES SENSE

GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE (08/27/07)

It's an unusual way for a business to make a site selection, but in the present low-unemployment environment, it probably makes sense:

It's an unnamed Fortune 500 company's strategy of setting two towns — including Great Falls — against each other in a job-application competition.

Development officials aren't saying what company it is, or what other town is in the competition.

They say only that Great Falls and some other site are finalists for the financial services company that is looking to employ 250 people, and that the jobs — mostly processing transactions — will start in the \$11 to \$13 range with a full slate of benefits.

LAWMAKERS GET TO WORK ON MONEY FOR MONTANA PROJECTS

By **NOELLE STRAUB** - IR Washington Bureau - 08/27/07

WASHINGTON — With the backing of Montana's members of Congress, hundreds of cities, counties, schools, hospitals, private companies and civic groups around the state are competing for nearly \$1 billion in federal funding for next year.

Democratic Sens. Max Baucus and Jon Tester requested federal dollars for 276 projects across

Montana worth about \$978.8 million for fiscal year 2008. GOP Rep. Denny Rehberg asked for funding for 250 projects worth about \$816.9 million.

The Montana delegation put in its highest-dollar requests for defense and large water projects, according to lists released by their offices. While some members of Congress refuse to publicly release information on projects they requested, the Montana lawmakers readily agreed.

Lawmakers say they must winnow the requests they receive.

"There's more need than there is dollars," Tester said.

They do so by evaluating the projects in person when possible.

"I don't want to just see the application for the appropriations request, I want to try to visit the site itself," Rehberg said.

Some of the projects likely will not be approved, as Montana competes with every other state for dollars. Congress has not yet passed even one of the 12 spending bills slowly moving through the appropriations process.

All three lawmakers requested \$37 million for the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System, with the money going to the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes and the Dry Prairie Rural Water Authority. The three also asked for \$34 million for the St. Mary's Rehabilitation/Milk River Project.

The senators also requested \$65 million for the Rocky Boy/North Central Rural Water Project, while Rehberg asked for \$33.5 million. Rehberg also requested \$25 million for the Columbia River Channel Coalition.

THREE INDIAN PRINCIPALS TEAM UP TO OFFER FINANCIAL SERVICES

by: **MARK FOGARTY**, Indian Country Today© (08/28/07)

DENVER - The Native American Bank, Sycuan Funds of California and Seacrest Investment Management of South Dakota are forming a marketing alliance to bring the full range of financial services to Indian country from firms with Indian principals.

Credit the idea to Lynn Rapp, managing partner in the Buffalo Gap, S.D.-based Seacrest and an enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe. A former longtime investment banker with Morgan Stanley, she started Seacrest with three other Indian or minority partners and contemplated a venture where Indian people would be the principals, and not just window dressing for dominant culture operations.

"Tribal governments give verbal acknowledgement to the 'buy Indian' idea," she said. "In the investment world, there are not many opportunities to do that. Now there is."

JOB OPENING IN THE DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATION:

BANK EXAMINER, POSITION #61103606, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$32,533 to \$48,800 DOQ. Examines banks to determine financial and operating condition. Extensive overnight travel required. **Application deadline:** This position is open until filled, applicants are encouraged by **Wednesday, September 12, 2007**. Applications for this position may be used to fill similar openings until March 10, 2008. For a complete vacancy announcement, contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=247